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Saving the Children

In the campaign which is being waged for a safe and sane Fourth we know of no stronger argument for it than an article which appears in the current number of the Review of Reviews from the pen of John M. Huber, M. D., which we print below in part:

"It may surprise many a citizen to know that a very rational and earnest movement against the use of fireworks on Independence day is now in its seventh year; nor is it universally realized among us how many of our children have, by reason of these yearly celebrations, suffered the most cruel death known to medical science. Were any such emotion possible in the English breast, that of satisfaction for the losses and humiliations endured by England in the war for independence—at least so far as human life is concerned—could hardly be more thoroughly justified; for, taking no account whatever of our national losses of many decades past, but only of those incurred in the last three yearly celebrations and in the metropolis alone, we find that 1339 have been killed and injured—more than the casualties in the Revolutionary battles of Lexington, Bunker Hill, Fort Moultrie, White Plains, Fort Washington, Monmouth and Cowpens combined. Nor have these losses been among the fighting men, but rather among little children; and of the latter wounded on Independence Day many that have not died have nevertheless been dreadfully maimed and disfigured for life.

"The American Medical Association has gathered most of the statistics upon which the fight against the use of fireworks on the Glorious Fourth has been based. A year ago it demonstrated in its Journal that in the six preceding years our whole country has shown for that festival a grand total of 29,296 killed and wounded. In 1903 there were 415 cases of Fourth of July tetanus; in 1904, 105 cases; in 1905, 104; in 1906, 89; in 1907, 55 recorded cases; in 1909, 76. In 1909 there were 150 cases, the largest number since 1903, probably for the same reason that the Fourth coming on Sunday, the celebration was practically one of three days; as it comes this year on Monday there is now to be feared another triennial tribute to the modern Moloch."

It must be and is possible to celebrate the American nation's natal day without abating the patriotism of its most ardent patriots, in a way that will be as inspiring and more lasting in its influence than the noisy demonstrations we have been used to. Many communities are now arranging for rational means of celebrating the coming Fourth, which should be fully as enjoyable as those heretofore obtaining and without results so dreadful as have here been set down. Why not Hood River?

Telephone Rates

The proposed raise in telephone rates is not a question in which the public is interested in the salary drawn by the manager. This is a matter for the discretion of the stockholders and board of directors. The vital point is that the rates that are now in effect in Hood River are as high, and in most instances higher than, those in other cities of the state where telephone systems are being successfully operated. To ask patrons of the company here therefore to pay the increased rate must be viewed as an act of extortion. It is

true the stockholders of the company have never received any dividends or interest on their money, but it is also true that their stock has almost doubled in value. It is likewise apparent that in the near future it will be still more valuable and pay handsome returns. The fact that the company has needed more capital from the start to enlarge and develop its service is proof on its face that the field is a lucrative one and that the company instead of asking patrons to furnish this capital, should seek other ways of providing it. The residents of Hood River have been loyal to the company since its organization and ought not to be asked to discount the future.

PINE GROVE GRANGE

Pine Grove Grange No. 356 met in regular session Saturday evening, June 13, with a fair attendance. Four applications for membership were received.

The subjects which received the most attention during the business meeting were our rural delivery and telephone services. Regarding the former, the executive board has entered into a correspondence with the authorities at Washington with the hope of relieving the present situation and will continue the agitation until success is assured. Concerning the telephone subject, a resolution was adopted asking the board of directors to form a committee and confer with a like committee from other organizations and enter a protest against an increase of rates.

Mr. Warren of Park River, N. D., was a guest of Mr. Brown's people the early part of last week.

Mr. Ames and family of Scappoose were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis last week.

Bert Lewis' people from Portland visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vannier the first of the week.

Misses Marion and Edith Sproat are home from Corvallis and will spend the summer with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sproat.

Mr. Schultz of Philadelphia who has property in the valley arrived in Hood River Saturday and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lage the early part of the week.

There is considerable building being done. Mr. Batten is putting up a new barn; Mr. Dickerson is placing an addition to his house, and C. K. Benton is laying the foundation for a new house.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold their regular business session with Mrs. E. E. Lage Friday afternoon of this week. It is hoped every member will make it convenient to come as subjects of special interest will be brought up.

MOSIER

J. M. Elliott and J. W. Harvey and family were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. Thompson arrived from Ohio Saturday and is visiting his brother-in-law, D. W. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish visited in The Dalles Saturday. Mr. Parrish purchased a fine team and new hack.

Miss Alice Davenport came up from Portland Wednesday and stopped off to visit with her brother, J. T. Davenport.

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which is thought unreasonable for the service rendered. Other matters were discussed but no definite action taken.

Following the business session a floral program was rendered under the direction of our worthy lecturer. Program consisting of songs and recitations and closing with a very interesting floral drill by ten young ladies.

A good audience was in attendance.

Our Grange is steadily increasing in members and continued interest manifested. Important questions are presented at every meeting in which all should be interested and the social features are looked forward to with pleasure.

PINE GROVE

J. G. Jarvis made a business trip to Washougal Monday.

Our pastor Rev. Hayes preached at Odell Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Thorn entertained company from Seattle last week.

Miss Ada Mark is spending her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Mark.

Mr. Howard's people have been entertaining friends from a distance quite recently.

Peter Mohr Sr. who has been confined to his bed four weeks is able to be around again.

Jas. Malloy has sold his property of 20 acres and expects to give possession in a month.

The floral offering by Mrs. Fletcher to the Grange ladies for Saturday evening's decoration were both numerous and beautiful.

Mrs. L. E. Ward and two children stopped on their return trip from Portland Thursday and visited relatives and friends.

Felix Wilfert has purchased Will Vogt's interest in the real estate business and will continue the business with Mr. Burgraff.

Samuel Husbands and sister Helen arrived Thursday from Portland and will spend the summer with their grandfather, C. J. Phillips.

Among those going to Hood River Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Will McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Allington, Mrs. Nichol and Mildred, Mrs. Ernest Evans, Guy Wilson and Miss Olive Fisher.

Mrs. Stimson of Amity, Oregon arrived Tuesday and will be with her sister, Mrs. Stewart, who has been in ill health for some time, but her many friends are pleased to learn she is improving.

Rev. H. C. Clark went to Portland Thursday, returning Friday accompanied by his wife. Their daughter will follow in a few days. They have rooms at Dr. Robinson's and will spend some time here.

Mrs. Laura Burley of Wallawa, Oregon, visited a few days recently with her cousin, Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Burley was almost raised in Mosier, having made her home with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Mosier, for a number of years.

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